

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 26, wherein said support frame is loaded only by the weights and dynamic forces of said cutting units.

3. (Currently Amended) A trimmer in accordance with claim 20, wherein one of said cutting stations is a front cutting station and includes a ~~full-area~~ cutting table corresponding to a largest format.

4 - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 26, wherein all knives are guided in flat guides.

9 - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A trimmer in accordance with claim ~~20~~ 21, wherein one of said cutting stations is a front cutting station and includes a ~~full-area~~ cutting table corresponding to a largest format and one of said pressing elements has a rigid front part near the knife and with a slightly obliquely positioned elastic rear part.

15 - 19 (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A trimmer comprising:

a common support frame;

first and second cutting stations each with a cutting unit, each said cutting unit including a cutting strip and a knife for an oblique swing cut against a respective said cutting strip, said
5 each cutting unit including a unit frame connecting said respective cutting strip to a respective said knife, said knife and said cutting strip of each respective cutting station being arranged on a respective said unit frame to perform a squeeze cut during the oblique swing cut, a drive unit mounted on each said unit frame of each cutting station, said drive unit generating cutting forces for moving a respective said knife against a respective said cutting strip during the
10 oblique swing cut, each said unit frame absorbing all the cutting forces between said knife and said cutting strip during the oblique swing cut, said each cutting unit being movably mounted as a unit on said common support frame.

21. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 20, wherein:

each of said first and second cutting stations includes a table fastened to a respective said unit frame;

each of said first and second cutting stations includes a pressing element movably
5 mounted on a respective said unit frame, said table and said pressing element of each cutting

station being arranged to press a block between said table and said pressing element, each said unit frame absorbing all pressing forces between respective said pressing elements and respective said tables, each said table and pressing element being movable with a respective said cutting unit on said support frame.

22. (Withdrawn) A trimmer in accordance with claim 21, wherein:

said pressing elements are extendable to a center of the trimmer.

23. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 21, wherein:

said pressing elements are arranged obliquely to first touch one side of a top surface of the block when said pressing element presses the block.

24. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 23, wherein:

the one side of the top surface of the block is spaced from a respective said knife.

25. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 21, wherein:

said pressing elements each have a fixed support and an oblique support, said oblique support being more elastic than said fixed support.

26. (Currently Amended) A trimmer comprising:

a common support frame;

first and second cutting units movably mounted on said common support frame, each
said cutting unit including a unit frame, a cutting strip connected to each respective said unit
5 frame, and a knife movably mounted on said each respective unit frame for an oblique swing
cut against a respective said cutting strip, a drive unit mounted on said each unit frame of each
cutting station, said drive unit generating a cutting force for moving a respective said knife
against a respective said cutting strip during the oblique swing cut, each said unit frame
absorbing all the cutting forces between said knife and said cutting strip during the oblique
10 swing cut.

27. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 26, wherein:

each of said first and second cutting units includes a table fastened to a respective said
unit frame;

each of said first and second cutting units includes a pressing element movably mounted
5 on a respective said unit frame, said table and said pressing element of each cutting unit being
arranged to press a block between said table and said pressing element, each said unit frame
absorbing all pressing forces between respective said pressing elements and respective said
tables, each said table and pressing element being movable with a respective said cutting unit
on said support frame.

28. (Withdrawn) A trimmer in accordance with claim 27, wherein:

said pressing elements are extendable to a center of the trimmer.

29. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 27, wherein:
said pressing elements each have an oblique support arranged to first touch one side of a top surface of the block when said pressing element presses the block.

30. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 29, wherein:
the one side of the top surface of the block is spaced from a respective said knife.

31. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 29, wherein:
said pressing elements each have a fixed support, said fixed support being arranged closer to a respective said knife than said oblique support.

32. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 29, wherein:
said pressing elements each have a fixed support, said oblique support being more elastic than said fixed support.

33. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 29, wherein:
said oblique support is arranged to remove air present in the block starting at the one side of the top surface when said pressing element presses the block.

34. (Previously Presented) A trimmer in accordance with claim 26, further comprising:
a third cutting unit movably mounted on said common support frame, said third cutting

unit including a unit frame, a cutting strip and a knife arranged similar to said first and second cutting units, said first, second and third cutting units being arranged on said common support frame to trim a head, foot and front of a block.

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35. (New) (Withdrawn) A trimmer in accordance with claim 27, wherein:
said pressing elements are formed as a shutter.

36. (New) (Withdrawn) A trimmer in accordance with claim 21, wherein:
said pressing elements are formed as a shutter.